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1. Chiefs of diplomatic missions in Sofia who wish to confer with the Bulgarian Foreign Office are required to file with the Chief of Protocol a request for an interview, in which are listed all subjects they desire to discuss. This document is required to be submitted in triplicate several days before the interview is to take place.
2. A copy of the request for interview is forwarded by the Bulgarians to Graismov, reportedly the Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Sofia, who decides whether the interview will take place and the line to be taken by the Bulgarians if permission is given for the interview.
3. Prospective chiefs of Bulgarian diplomatic establishments abroad are interviewed by the Soviet Ambassador before departing for their posts. At this meeting the departing chief of mission is given instructions as to his mission abroad and his behavior in general. The recently appointed Bulgarian Minister to London was compelled to wait three weeks in Sofia for the return of the Soviet Ambassador from Moscow.

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